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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: McKearn, J.P. *et al.*
Serial No.: 09/857,873
Filed: October 5, 2001
Title: METHOD OF USING A CYCLOOXYGENASE-2 INHIBITOR AND ONE
OR MORE ANTINEOPLASTIC AGENTS AS A COMBINATION
THERAPY IN THE TREATMENT OF NEOPLASIA
Group Art Unit: 1614
Examiner: M.G. Hartley
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Docket No.: 6794F-000036/US/01
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

(AMENDMENT C)

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004 in the above-referenced application, which Action was made final. Amendment of the application is requested to cancel claims and to present rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Allowance of all claims remaining in the application is respectfully requested following entry of the present amendment.

This paper is submitted within the 3 months shortened statutory period set for reply, accordingly no fee for extension of time is believed payable.

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By the present amendment, the total number of claims pending in the application is decreased from 29 to 5 and the number of independent claims is decreased from 7 to 3. No excess claim fee is believed payable.

Amendments IN THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS on the present amendment begin on page 4 of this paper.